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Sorry for the delay in the August newsletter- I went out West and rode dual sport for 5 weeks. I just returned and have been trying to catch up on things.

I wanted to get this out pretty quick, so I am not writing about my trip in this issue. Next issue watch for my Trans American Trail adventure which will include - How I rode 29 days straight logging over 5,600 miles (3500 dirt), topped some of the highest mountains in Colorado, and what happened after my guide's bike burnt to a



crisp on the trail, and many other

adventurous things that I encountered. It was a trip of a lifetime. Once again, I hope to see all of you at the rally the end of the month and INVITE SOMEONE to come with you!



“I turn my head to the inside of the curve, roll the throttle wide open, and break free from the world that affords me the passion to ride”

Val Price

Interesting Rides/Road Trips

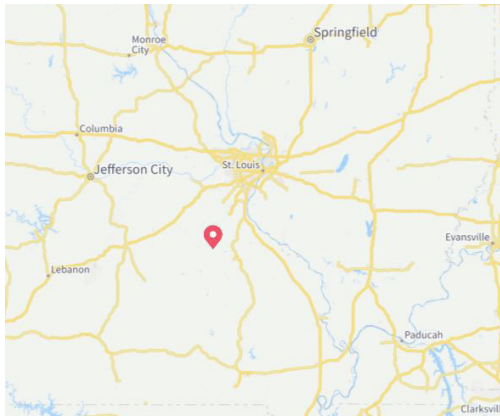


TOURING BIKES

2018 Adventure Ribfest Oct 18 at 3 PM – Oct 21 at 3 PM



Hosted by BMW MOA and BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville



The **BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville** and the **GS Giants** invite you to join us at for the Adventure Ribfest on the Waggoner Farm in rural middle Tennessee (GPS coordinates: 35.8629, -87.4328 or 35°51'46.6"N 87°25'57.9"W). Enjoy great paved roads or dirt roads and trails with many creek crossings for a true adventure. The GS Giants will be hosting the Trials Course as well as an off-road skills class. There will be plenty

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of primitive camping, lots of campfire conversations, entertainment, and some of the best ribs you'll ever eat. Check out our website at BMW Motorcycle Club of Nashville for more information: bmwmcon.org/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=433756

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/events/591561141240964

Beta AMA National Dual Sport Series - Dover, TN. Sept. 8-9

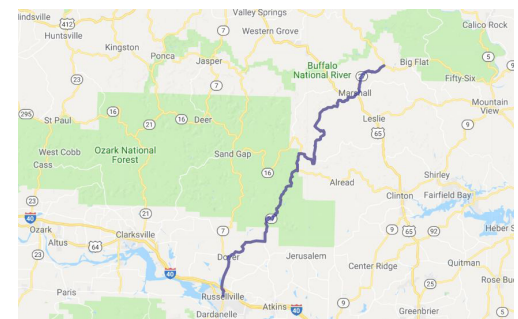


Land Between Lakes 200 K T Riders
kttriders@gmail.com
www.LBL200.com

AMA membership is required for these national-level events. A one event pass may be purchased for \$20 (only available for purchase at the event), or a full AMA membership for \$49

DUAL SPORTS

Arkansas Highway 27 from Russellville to Harriet in Arkansas (This looks like a fun ride)



<http://www.motorcycleroads.com/75/1125/Arkansas/Arkansas-Highway-27-from-Russellville-to-Harriet.html#sthash.rX4z4Dlx.f4ha4Ixb.dpbs>

2018 RAMS Rally Sept 28 - 30

Parkers Crossroads RV Park and Campground
22580 Highway 22 N
Parkers Crossroads TN

GPS coordinates:
35.809182 -88.389067

LOCATED 1.5 MILES NORTH OF I-40 EXIT 108

To register: www.bmwrams.com

Ladies Corner



Leatherman Tool Tread Multi-Tool Bracelet (Black)

\$174.95



<https://www.bobwards.com/leatherman-tool-tread-multi-tool-bracelet-black-131403?color=BLACK>

Cordura motorcycle drop leg hip bag

\$65.81



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STUFF for SALE OR TRADE

Please let us know if your item sells!



2009 Aprilia Tuono approx. 10,300 miles – factory race stage computer program. Leo Vince Exhaust – new Bridgestone tires- Upgraded battery and starter wiring

\$5800.00

Call Everett Blanchard – 731-324-2276 or everettblanchard@yahoo.com

Just for Fun!



"First of all, you're the one that wanted me to include your mother more and secondly, you gotta admire my ingenuity."

Minutes by: Spencer Bennett

RAMS Meeting Minutes –April 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Craig at 1:36 pm at My Favorite Place in Cordova, TN. There were 18 RAMS and 5 bikes in attendance.

Call to Order

1. We have no new members for this month.
2. We currently have 81 new and returning members for 2018.
3. There was 1 guest for the meeting. Doreen was the guest of Paull Rhodes.
4. Larry extended Thanks to the meeting hosts: Thank you Manchester Family.

New Business

1. Larry Craig announced that the 2019 MOA National Rally will be in Lebanon, TN and it will be in June to hopefully beat the heat.
2. Larry also announced that the 2019 RA National Rally will be in Wolfstock, Va and will be the first week of September.

RAMS Rally Update

1. Steve Clark is the 2018 RAMS Rally Chair and Paul Whitworth is Rally Co-Chair.
2. RAMS Rally pre-registration is now open on the RAMS web site.
3. Paul announced that the door prize letters have been mailed.
4. Larry Craig announced that we will have the same music as last year.
5. Spencer Bennett stated that the Awards and Bike Show Plaques have been ordered.
6. Donna Clark is looking for some help with the Bike Show as she may not be able to be present for the show time. Call her at 901-487-4994 if you are able to help her.

VP's Corner

No VP input this month.

Old Business

1. If anyone still does not have their picture in the online directory, please see Spencer or Rosey.
2. If you would like a RAMS patch (old logo only), decal (old and new logos) or need RAMS business cards, please get with Spencer.
3. 2015 RAMS rally shirts are available for \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Most sizes are available. See Spencer.

Treasurer's Reports

1. Balance in Bank plus petty cash =\$5768.53
2. Petty cash = \$ 50.00
3. Notable expenditures for this month.
Rally Door Prize Mailing = \$94.35

Next Meeting: Sept 8 Lunch 12:00 then Meeting 1:30

***The Home of Steve and Donna Clark
1800 Black Bear Circle E Cordova, TN 38016
Tel: 901-757-2779***

For the Good of the Club

1. Check RAMS website for rally schedules.
2. Spencer is getting a RAMS name tag order together and needs five orders to get them done. If you would like a name tag please contact him via email at officers@bmwrams.com or spencer14554@gmail.com.
3. Spencer Bennett reminded everyone that the current President and Vice-President have indicated that they will not be able to serve in those positions next year. We typically do not think of this until the October Meeting and then rush to get a slate of nominees who are willing to serve. He asked that each RAMS Member consider running for one of these positions or for Rally Chair next year so we do not come up to the nominations with no forethought about potential candidates. The current officers would be pleased to discuss their duties with you and the duties of each officer are spelled out on the RAMS web site and in the front of the RAMS Directory (on-line and in the paper copy).
4. Spencer Bennett gave a Bruce Ottway report as he had visited with him last week. Bruce seems to be healing well but has a lot of damage and it will likely be several months before he is back to his normal self. He did say he will try to make it to the Rally, although it will be in a car. He has very poor cell service at his home but he can be reached via landline at 270-436-2902.

***5. The September RAMS Meeting will be September 8, 2018 at:
The Home of Steve and Donna Clark
1800 Black Bear Circle E Cordova, TN 38016
Tel: 901-757-2779***

Steve will be cooking and this will be a pot luck lunch so call Steve (901-757-2279) or Donna (901-487-4994) to see what you can bring. Lunch at 1200, Meeting at 1:30. There is usually a ride to the Meeting. Watch e-mail for details on departure time and location.

6. If you have an item you would like to see in the next meeting agenda, please get it to the Secretary by Wednesday prior to the meeting and it will be added to the next meeting agenda. This is not required for an item to be discussed, but it will make sure it gets in the mix. Send the information to: officers@bmwrams.com

Movement to adjourn by Bert Fechner, Second by Butch Turner, approved unanimously.

Widgets, Doohickey's & Gadgets

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EXTINGUISH HOLDER QBFE-1**



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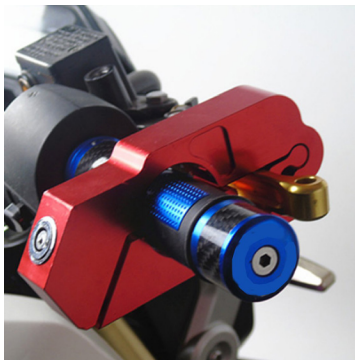
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**FACTORY EFFEX TEMPERATURE
GAUGE STICKER 3 PACK**

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